

This is a definitive work, invaluable for future dynamic studies of change, and alas, extinction in the Pacific Islands.

May we hope for a companion volume, giving a subjective account of the problems and adventures encountered by the author while compiling this thesis? — E.H.W.

Notes and Observations

THE CLOUDED YELLOW (*COLIAS CROCEUS* GEOFFROY) IN IRELAND IN 1975. — My brother T. C. Sankey-Barker tells me that he saw four of this species at Aghadoe, Killarney, very near the lake (Lough Leane), on 8th September, 1975. — J. P. SANKEY-BARKER, Plas Llangattock, Crickhowell, Breconshire.

THE DARK FORM OF *POLYMIXIS FLAVICINCTA* D. & S. AT WOKING. — The normal form here of this prevalent autumn insect has a dull grey ground colour to the forewings with a light covering of yellow freckles. But on 25th September, 1975, I was surprised to see for the first time a much darker specimen exactly similar to the usual form from the West Country, mainly from Devon and Cornwall. Can it be that ova may have occurred on imported garden plants from those regions as such plants are one of its favourite pabula so that a new form has been introduced to this area? — C. G. M. DE WORMS, Three Oaks, Shores Road, Woking, Surrey.

THE FOODPLANTS OF *ARCHANARA SPARGANII* (ESPER). — Mr. D. W. H. ffennell mentions in the October issue the finding of larvae and pupae of this species in the stems of *Typhus angustifolia*, and raises the point of previous recordings of the same foodplant for the species. He may be interested to know that this foodplant appears in P. B. M. Allan's *Larval Foodplants*. A few years ago I collected several larvae and pupae of *A. sparganii* from stems of both *Typhus latifolia* and *T. angustifolia*, also from *Iris pseudacorus* growing in close proximity in a locality near Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex. — GEORGE E. HYDE, 26, Warrington Drive, Bessacarr, Doncaster, South Yorkshire, DN4 6SS.

MYTHIMNA UNIPUNCTA HAW. ON THE ISLE OF CANNA. — Three specimens of the "American Wainscot" came to lighted windows of my house on the evening of 4th December, and another on that of 5th December. The weather was mild and drizzly, temperature 50°F., wind S.W., force about 4. The moths appear to have come with the anti-cyclone that approached from the S.W. around that time. Identification has been confirmed by Mr. E. C. Pelham-Clinton. — J. L. CAMPBELL, Canna House, Isle of Canna, Scotland, PH44 4RS. [We should be interested to hear if there are any British records of *unipuncta* for further north. — Editor.]